

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SUBGENUS AND SPECIES OF *ALYCÆUS*
FROM KE-LAN-TAN.

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AMONG a number of shells from Ke-lan-tan which recently came into my possession there was included a species which I at first thought belonged to the genus *Alycæus*, but, upon careful examination of the operculum, I found that it bore characters totally different from those of the hitherto described typical species of that genus, and which appeared to make it quite worthy of subgeneric rank. I therefore now propose the new subgeneric name *Pincerna* for the shell in question, and venture to describe it as below.

PINCERNA, nov. subgen.

Shell Alycæiform; operculum horny, convex below, concave above, bearing in the centre of the upper surface a hollow protuberance in the form of a circular cup, the margin of which is slightly reflexed outwards.

PINCERNA LIRATULA, n.sp.

Shell conical, pale yellowish horn colour; whorls $4\frac{1}{2}$, convex; the first whorl and a half smooth, the remaining whorls sculptured with fine spiral liræ, and somewhat coarse transverse ribs which are much more numerous and closely set on the body-whorl; last whorl constricted about two and a half millimeters from the aperture and destitute of transverse ribs in the constricted area; suture deeply impressed; aperture circular; peristome continuous, double, and



reflexed outwards; umbilicus narrow and deep, partly concealed by the reflexed peristome, which, owing to a notch or depression at this point, is expanded outwards and downwards; operculum horny, convex below, concave above, bearing in the centre of the upper surface a hollow cup-shaped protuberance, the margin of which is slightly reflexed outwards. Alt. 5.5 mm.; diam. maj. 4.5 mm.; aperture, diam. 2 mm.

Hab.—Ke-lan-tan.